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■ DSBN

Budget passes

DON FRASER
QMI Agency Niagara

ST. CATHARINES — District School Board of Niagara trustees bulled what they called a "good news" \$417-million budget they passed unanimously last Monday night.

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Elphaba sings



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Krystyna Augustyn performs as Elphaba and sings Defying Gravity, a song from the musical Wicked during a talent show at St. Ann Catholic Elementary School. Please see page 3 for story and photos.

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■ BUDGET

DSBN to spend \$6 million less this year

FROM PAGE 1

They were told despite revenue challenges, the board's finance committee did not have to chop programs. That means the average cost of education per DSBN pupil is expected to be \$11,935.

This budget, for 2013-14, is about \$6 million less than last year's.



Clark

"All of the programs we offered last year, we will offer again next year," said trustee and finance committee chair Dalton Clark. "We are cutting nothing out of the budget."

That comes in spite of a reduction of about \$10 million in grants from the province, mainly due to declining enrollment in Niagara.

He said that was dealt with through measures such as reduced staffing — especially in secondary schools — and other administrative costs slashed by school shutdowns.

Clark said there will also be enhancements next school



All of the programs we offered last year, we will offer again next year."

Dalton Clark, finance committee chair for the DSBN

year, including extended full-day kindergarten, French immersion and technology training.

The trustee for St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake also spoke to an ongoing issue —

the board's concern about provincial underfunding in special education.

DSBN said that grant is about 10%, or \$4.6 million, below its funding compared to the average provincial per-

pupil rate. Trustees supported spending \$800,000 above that funding to partly make up for the gap.

"Sooner or later, the province has to (deal) with this," Clark told the board.

"It would mean so much to our students and the DSBN." Several trustees complimented the committee on a budget that modestly boosts some programs.

"This is a good-news budget," said trustee Alex Bradman, his sentiment repeated by others.

"It's looking at what we have, and what we're able to

do with what we've got — and also our position, like many boards across the province.

"We're moving in the right direction ... we have no cuts in programs, but have enhancements. And we're moving ahead, despite the \$10-million shortfall that we have, due to lack of students."



Bradman

■ ART

Time for artists to sign up for Welland's Culture Day

PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — The Rose City is teeming with artists and crafty people and the city wants to show them off.

Welland's arts and culture committee is searching for artists to showcase and demonstrate their talent to the community at this fall's Culture Day.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 28, at Welland

Community Wellness Complex on Lincoln St.

The committee is looking for artists to demonstrate dance, drama, painting, crafting, beading, knitting, crocheting, weaving, woodwork or any other kind of art going on in the area.

Applications are available at the wellness complex or at www.welland.ca/Forms-Apps.asp.

Many artists have already

signed up for the one-day cultural event. Last year the festival spanned three days, but to make it easier for the committee and residents the city has condensed the event.

The application deadline is Sunday, July 28. For more information contact Welland's arts and culture co-ordinator, Jessica Dulban, at 905-735-1700 ext. 4000 or e-mail jessica.dulban@welland.ca.



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■ TALENT SHOW

St. Ann shows it has talent

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

The students of St. Ann Catholic Elementary School showed their peers that they've got talent.

For an hour and a half last Tuesday, students from junior kindergarten to Grade 8 showed their singing, dancing and acting skills to parents, grandparents and

friends.

The school's gymnasium was transformed for the school's annual St. Ann Has Talent Show said organizer and teacher, Maria Tremere.

"The talent show has become a tradition and this year is our 5th annual show," she said.

About 40 children participated in 28 acts which brought laughter and smiles

to those in attendance.

"I'm not surprised by the amount of talent we have at the school, but I am surprised that the students were able to get up in front of a group to perform," Tremere said of the students who participated in the talent show.

The show gave students, who aren't necessarily athletic, show off their skills while having fun. The event is

also an end-of-the-year celebration just before summer break, Tremere said.

With the show completed, Tremere said she wanted to express her appreciation to all of the students involved in the show.

"I'd want to tell them 'We're all very proud of you.' The students did such a great job."

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Michael Lilley plays the high-hat during the finale of St. Ann's Got Talent.



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Pictured from left, Charlie French, Lucas Augustyn, Chris Rusin and Allene Zamora perform a skit about three old men playing a game of Bingo.



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Jillian Clupak performs a tune at St. Ann's talent show.



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Mia Colangelo performs a song on her pink guitar.

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Don't break the bank for a quality hedge

PAT LOCKER

If you like to garden, you probably can't stop yourself from looking at all the pictures of fantastic gardens in the gardening magazine.

They often feature English gardens with their manicured hedges of boxwood surrounding a rose bed or some formal lawn. Have you longed for one of these, but found the price of boxwood prohibitive?

In a flyer last week, one shrub was listed at over \$20. If you plant them 12 to 18 inches apart — do the math. However all is not lost.

Buy one healthy shrub to start and get some sharp sand. This is found at a gravel pit not a beach.

Take six-inch cuttings and plant them in the sand. You can use a pot or if you have enough sand make a small place in your garden. Our home was built many years ago, but there was a place where sand was dumped for the stone work. I have guarded it, because it is so useful. You can cover these with a jar or not.

I just stick them in and in a few weeks I have a new plant. If you haven't sand, you can use vermiculite and a pot.

Have you a shrub that you would like to clone? Perhaps you need another or would like to give one away. It is very simple. Just bend a branch over so you can bury a bit of it under the soil. Place a rock on top of it so that it stays buried. This works well with a vine also. I have done this with climbing hydrangeas. This is a lovely vine with large blooms of lace cap type. Just remember to plant it in the shade rather than sun. In a few weeks, when you give a tug and find that it has rooted, it can be replanted.

Do you have a favorite rose that you would like to clone?

Roses are easy. You can go with your grandmother's method of cutting off a small piece, no blooms and inserting it in the ground and placing a small jar over it. It is just about the same today. Take a slip about six inches long - cut on an angle, take off the bottom two leaves. You can dig it in a bit of honey or a rooting powder and insert it in a container of vermiculite, sand or potting soil and perlite. Cover the container - a top from a bought ten cake, works well. It will take about four to eight weeks.

Quite a few years ago, I attended a rooting clinic at the RBG. I attended it for about four years in a row - not because I needed that much instruction. I went for all the good slips that they gave us. We were given a small plastic greenhouse - about eight by 20 inches. It had vermiculite in it and a paper with some rooting hormone.

see LOCKER | page 5

■ COLUMN

A meeting of the mindless

Quiet, please. Walter, could you please take your seat? Thanks, is everyone here? Good.

I'd like to begin by ... ah ...

Monica, could you put down your cellphone? Thank you.

And the knitting, And the Oujia board. Yes, I understand you

get good advice from dead people, but some of the others

have complained about all the taping, banging and moaning.

And as you know, Lisa was

slightly injured last week when

the table started to levitate, so I

think we need to respect these requests.

Thank you.

Now then, you're probably

all wondering why I called this

meeting. Yeah?

Well, I wanted to talk to

you about a new study from the

Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, where statisticians

rated 55 words frequently used in



IAN GILLESPIE

business meetings.

According to these researchers,

more than 11 million business

meetings take place in the U.S.

during a typical work day. Plus,

there's a handful of meetings here

in Canada. So I think it's important

that we examine this new research

and try to use it to improve our

own meetings.

Yeah? Good.

So, these researchers reached

a surprising conclusion. Do you

want to know what it was? Yeah?

Well, they discovered that the

word "yeah" was the single-most

effective and persuasive word

you can use during a business

meeting.

I see a lot of nodding heads.

Yeah?

So, obviously we should start

saying "yeah" more often. Why? Well,

the researchers say that prefacing

a suggestion or comment with the

word "yeah" indicates agreement

with a previous idea and is likely to

garner approval from those who

would like the idea.

What's that, Monica? ... That's

true — "yes" is more polite than

"yeah." I don't care. If "yeah"

works for the scientists at MIT,

then it works for me.

And yeah (see what I just did

there?), there are other good

words, too. In fact, after "yeah"

the most effective words were

"meeting," "see" and "give"

I'm sure some of you think it's

strange to use the word "meeting"

at a meeting. But the experts say

the word "meeting" — as in "Let's

deal with this at our next meeting"

— is a good way of gently changing

the topic.

What's that, Monica? ... OK.

I can appreciate that. But no, we

will not "start" to "give" our Oujia

boards to everyone at our daily

"meeting." Nice to see you're

paying attention.

And yeah, there are bad

words, too. Apparently, some of

the worst words you can use at

a meeting are "bottom" and

"riddle" and "animals." Plus,

"fat" and "fat."

Monica? ... Well, I disagree. I

know your Oujia board is "fat"

and you think it's not "fair" you

can't use it at a "meeting," but I'm

not making this up. These bad

words are from an official study,

and we need to stop using them.

So please people, until we

meet again tomorrow, let's use

the right words. Yeah?

Oh, And as somebody wake

up Walter?

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■ COLUMN

Ain't no cure for the summertime flu

MARK BONOKOSKI
QMI Agency

There are some statistics that are not overly popular, or are buried deep in the layers of the bureaucratic onion, so the taxpayer/public can live peacefully in the blissful state of ignorance.

It can suspect, yes, but it's best that it not know.

This coming week, for example,

the bells will ring, and schools

across this country will close

for summer recess, releasing

hundreds of thousands of students

into their educational prisons.

This is also the time of year when

teachers become the most envied

and often the most despised

people in the western world as

they set out for their cottages, or

relax away the hours sitting on their

porches watching student painters

put another layer of semi-gloss on

their white picket fences.

The working sicks look on,

sweaty and demoralized.

Now, the statistic that cannot be

found, or is perhaps intentionally

buried, is the number of federal

public service employees

who suddenly cash in their

accumulated sick days as soon as

those school bells ring.

The number would likely be

astounding.

That number, I suspect, would

directly exceed as federal civil

servants who have a spouse or

partner in the teaching profession

where summer holidays is a life

of leisure.

Bearing witness to this whilst

once living in Ottawa was a taxing

exercise in itself.

It came as no surprise, therefore,

when Treasury Board President

Tony Clement last week finally

took aim at the "excessively" high

rate of absenteeism in the federal

public service because, even when

witnessed 12 years ago, the abuse

was as obvious as today's nose on

Clement's face.

"We are overhauling an archaic

system that does not work for the

taxpayer," said Clement.

The federal public service has

an absenteeism rate of 18.2 days

a year which, if coincidentally

coinciding with weekends, adds

another month of "vacation" to an

employee's annual leave.

This rate is 2.5 times the scottish

rate in the private sector.

What this means, of course, is

the taxpayer has a lot of deadbeats

and game players mixed in with

the legitimately sick.

While federal civil servants can

no longer cash in their sick days

for a pay taxpayer-funded payout

when they take their retirement,

they can still accumulate 15 days

of paid sick leave each year to help

ensure there are enough days

banked to get them through the

13-week wait disability for any long-

term illness required.

According to Clement,

however, only 40% of the

approximately 373,000 civil

servants — whose overall

compensation package costs

taxpayers \$43 billion a year

— have those 13 weeks of

contingency sick leave in the

bank.

So where have all those sick days

gone for the other 60% of the civil

service?

While it could be argued that

younger and/or newer civil

servants might not have been

in the game long enough to

accumulate those 13 weeks, it

could also be argued that those

very same sick days have more

likely been spent at the summer

cottage, or on a porch overlooking

a white picket fence.

Even before the recession,

the Canadian Federation of

Independent Business estimated

there was a 42% pay gap between

federal workers and private-sector

employees with comparable jobs

when salaries, hours of work,

vacations, perks and pensions were

placed side-by-side.

So, what's that mean in actual

dollars?

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LOCKER

Plenty of ideas to fill planters

FROM PAGE 4

They explained what to do. Then we could choose from many different plants that they had "heaps" of. Their planters were new varieties.

I rooted a couple of roses that I still treasure. I think it was called white Swan. It had small white blooms, whose buds were tinged with pink.

It was perfect for corsages and it bloomed until winter. I was usually able to pick enough for a corsage in November.

Are some of your planters looking a bit sparse? If you purchased coleus or impatiens earlier, they may be large

enough for you to slip. It doesn't take long for them to get roots, when put in water and you have more plants to fill up your planters.

Or - look around your flower beds and add something from them. I admired one at the garden tour last year, which had included a variegated sedum in it.

Amaryllis can be planted in one. The green leaves will give you height, or even a bit of day lily or iris.

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Pelham Night of Art- Call for Artists

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Both Town committees are looking for interested members! To join or for more information, contact (905) 892-2607 ext. 341.

Book the Arena Hall or Old Pelham Town Hall for your next function or event!

For more information, contact (905) 892-2607, ext. 347.

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For PelhamNews

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LYME DISEASE: WHAT MAKES IT TICK?

As temperatures begin to finally rise across southern Ontario after several weeks of gloomy weather, many Niagara residents are eager to bring out their summer wardrobe.

However, it doesn't take long before we quickly remember that along with the summer heat comes the return of mosquitoes, spiders, and ticks. In Ontario, most residents are well informed about the illnesses mosquitoes can spread and ways of protecting yourself. But how informed are we about ticks?

There are many different species of ticks; however, the one that is of concern is the blacklegged tick, also known as the deer tick. This sesame seed sized tick can be the host to the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease, which, if untreated, can result in arthritis, heart problems, and various nervous system problems. The American brown dog tick is approximately half a centimeter and has not been shown to carry Lyme disease.

The Niagara region has a high concentration of ticks, especially in the areas surrounding Lake Erie. The Niagara Health Department recommends wearing pants and long sleeved shirts when walking in wooded areas to minimize the chances of a tick bite.

If you notice a tick has attached to your skin, it should be removed immediately by grabbing the head with a pair of tweezers and pulling straight up. Do not try to burn the tick off of the skin using a match or lighter. The area should be then be washed with soap and water. If you are unable to remove the entire tick, you should give your doctor a call and they can remove it for you. The tick can be brought to the health department for analysis to see if it was infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

Ticks often pick up the bacteria that cause Lyme disease while feeding on infected rodents. However, it should be noted that most ticks are not carriers.

The majority of people who are bitten by ticks do not develop Lyme disease, however if you notice a red bulls-eye rash on the skin, develop a fever, headache or muscle and joint pains, you should seek medical attention. The symptoms typically develop within 1 to 2 weeks of a bite. Lyme disease can often be cured with antibiotics if treatment is started early.

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■ PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Fonthill Library Summer program co-ordinator Sarah Andrews puts another child's name on the summer program board on the last day on school.

No lazy, hazy days at library

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Summer break has just begun and the kids are excited about the lazy days of summer.

When the kids soon grow tired of their days of freedom and boredom sets in, there is plenty of excitement and fun to be had. Pelham Public Library has lots of activities planned for Pelham youngsters this summer, said children and youth services coordinator Jennifer Bennett.

The TD Summer Reading Club is "a big hit for the kids" and it's free. The idea of the program is to encourage children to continue reading all summer long by rewarding them with stickers, and prizes at the end of the summer.

The program is for all ages and children are welcome to sign up any time at either the Fonthill branch or to Maple Acre branch. Each week, children must report to library staff on the books they have read and they will receive a sticker on the library's Wall of Fame to track

their progress, said Bennett.

At the end of the summer, book club members are invited to a barbecue on Friday, Aug. 16.

"All of them are great," Bennett said of the more than 30 programs offered by the library this summer.

"We have a good mix of story times, crafts and a lot of things to do for the older kids."

This summer's programs include Duct Tape Crazy, where children can create things like wallets and flip flops out of duct tape, crafts, scrapbooking sessions and puppeteer Carrie Costello will perform The Paper Bag Princess in July.

All of the programming is affordable at \$4 per child or under and there is always a program in the morning or in the afternoon to entertain kids, said Bennett.

For more information about Pelham Public Library's program visit www.pelhamlibrary.on.ca or call the Fonthill branch 905-892-6443 or the Maple Acre branch a 905-892-5226. All programs require registration.

■ FUNDRAISER

Rotary golf tourney good for skateboarders

PELHAM — Golfers are needed to hit the links to benefit local skateboarders.

Rotary Club of Fonthill is hosting its annual golf tournament at Lookout Point Golf Course on Monday, July 29. This year's beneficiary will be the Isaac Riehl Skate Park slated to be built at Marlene Stewart Streit Park this

year.


Registration for the golf tournament is \$180 a person. The registration cost includes the use of a golf cart, 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes for golfers. A team of four golfers are required.


Registration will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the day of the tournament. Shotgun start

will be held at 1 p.m.

The annual Rotary tournament has been hosted at Lookout Point Golf Course for more than 20 years.

For more information about the golf tournament send an e-mail to foonthillrotary@cogeco.ca or call Randy Momot at 905-682-8363.





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■ ENTERTAINMENT



Summerfest committee member Bea Clark, left, accepted a \$2,000 donation from Meridian Credit Union Bank manager John Wink for bouncers in the Kids Zone.

Summerfest geared up to thrill audiences

For PelhamNews

Once again, the Summerfest Committee has secured a stellar line-up of entertainment sure to appeal to a wide variety of tastes. Visitors to this year's Pelham Summerfest will enjoy entertainment ranging from classic rock to top 40 hits, folk to blues, barbershop to country and everything in between. All these events can be enjoyed free of charge. This year, the entertainment will take place at three locations throughout downtown Fonthill: The Peace Park Bandshell, the Art in the Park Stage and the Main Stage on Pelham Street. As well as stage performances, the town will be abuzz with street bouncers entertaining visitors with an array of magic, balloon art and stilt walking.

The entertainment kicks off Thursday evening (July 18) as Jim Witter's, The Piano Men, descend on The Peace Park Bandshell as part of the regular bandshell concert series. Jim's Piano Men show features the greatest hits from two of the world's best known pianists - Elton John and Billy Joel.

Friday night (July 19), Ivy Coast, an ambient Canadian 5-piece band featuring a combination of old time folk music with an alternative rock sound, will play at the Art in the Park Stage. Sample some local beverages at the Peace Park Wine and Beer Garden, wander through the fine-art exhibition 'Art in the Park' and check out Pelham's version of Niagara Nights of Art; all the while, listening to the soulful songs of Ivy Coast. The Summerfest Committee is still accepting applications for musicians and groups looking to entertain on this evening.

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throughout the day. The Peace Park Bandshell will be offering up child and family friendly entertainment like interactive, heart-pumping fun by Zumbatron, magic with Mark Furney, hands on displays with amazing creatures courtesy of the Hopple Kingdom and puppetry shows staged by Castlemoon Theatre. Over at the Art-in-the-Park stage, visitors will be entertained by a variety of musical acts such as A Capella Niagara offering a range of songs from Doo-Wop to Barbershop and from the Beatles to Broadway; Too Much of Jon displaying a unique combination of Rock and raw talent; Mary Lou Minor playing her blend of alt-country, Southern rock, folk and blues; Greg Mashinter showcasing his solo acoustic abilities; and Kindred, presenting their Celtic folk background. Meanwhile, the Summerfest Main Stage will host a total of nine acts featuring the Fonthill Music Academy and A.M.P. Fest, showcasing Pelham's talented musical youth; interactive fun with onstage zumba; The British Invasion featuring a nostalgic tribute to the music of 1960's British bands; The Saltshakers, one of North America's signature Jimmy Buffet tribute acts; The Madhatters rock-eclectic quartet offering rich melodic instruments and larger than life vocals; Flashback Modified, playing classic rock and hot, new country tunes; The Gormans, Fonthill's own rock and folk-rock cover band; and headliner, Sister Act, featuring a range of music from classic rock to Top 40 hits.

Summerfest wraps up on Sunday (July 21st), with performances by two amazing blues bands, Gaitorbait and legendary blues performer, Steve Burnside with The Marquis, will entertain visitors during the Pancake Breakfast and throughout the afternoon festivities.

■ PROM NIGHT

Duct tape dress dazzles

SARAH FERGUSON
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Some people believe duct tape can be used to fix anything.

Whether or not that's true, Breton Lalama and Adam Hughes sure proved that duct tape can make some classy formal attire.

The teens from Notre Dame College School spent several caffeine-filled nights crafting a dress and suit using black, red and white duct tape — using about 48 to 50 rolls at \$2 each — to wear to their prom.

By the time they completed

their outfits, the cost to make both was pretty affordable, at somewhere around \$100, said Lalama.

Hughes' suit was the easier of the two outfits to make as the teens covered a pair of pants in duct tape and designed his tie, vest and jacket.

While wearing a T-shirt and a pair of pants, Lalama said her dress literally had to be built around her body. When they finished constructing the dress, Lalama had to be cut out of it, only to be re-taped into it on the night of prom.

Hughes said the design of the dress was simple, a tree

with falling leaves.

"We wanted to keep it simple because other people were going with really flamboyant colours. We wanted something people would actually wear."

The teens created the attire to enter a contest called Duck brand Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest, which invites high school students from Canada and the U.S. to use duct tape to create one-of-a-kind formal wear for prom.

Lalama and Breton are one of the top 10 finalists and needs the public to vote for them once a day until the contest closes on July 8.



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Breton Lalama and Adam Hughes show the formal attire they designed using duct tape.

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Mayor Dave (right) of the Town of Pelham presents a cheque to Summerfest committee member John Wink. The Town of Pelham, represented by Mayor Dave, is a Diamond Sponsor of Summerfest.

HOT SUMMERFEST SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE by the Summerfest Committee

It's hard to believe that Pelham's third annual Summerfest is now only two weeks away! The preparation for Summerfest 2013 is well under way and the volunteer committee is in the crucial stages of the planning.

The festival, which is set to descend on downtown Pelham from July 18 to 21, takes a great deal of dedication and hard work by the volunteer committee to plan and implement, but it also relies heavily on community involvement, including contributions from local and area businesses.

"Summerfest is a coming together of the residents of the community and surrounding population to celebrate the summer and the spirit of Pelham with an essentially free event. The festival offers complimentary entertainment and a wide variety of free activities for the whole family. This year we're expecting over 19,000 people to visit the downtown," said Gary Accursi, Summerfest committee chair and Pelham town councillor. "But, this event is only possible through the generosity of our local and surrounding business community and the citizens of Pelham."

Summerfest organizers are actively recruiting sponsors now. "The earlier a business signs up as a sponsor, the sooner that business will obtain the benefits of being affiliated with Summerfest," Accursi stated. "That includes having their business name and website linked on the Pelham Summerfest website."

Several local and area businesses have already signed on as sponsors and some have committed to participating

in the naming opportunities. This means they have their business name partnered with a specific event taking place during Summerfest. There are numerous event-naming opportunities available, and are included for those making donations at the Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond levels. Naming opportunities include the main stage, entertainment venues, the bike rodeo, the family fun walk, community breakfast and the beer and wine garden.

"Sponsorship of Summerfest is essential to its success," Accursi said. "That means partnerships with businesses, but it also includes anyone who is interested in assisting in any way they can, whether by volunteering or financially." All residents, business owners and professionals may become a "Friend of Pelham Summerfest" or enroll in the "Corporate Sponsorship Program." Any and all levels of financial contribution will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged on the Summerfest website. Information for becoming a "Friend of Pelham Summerfest" or signing up for the "Corporate Sponsorship Program," including forms and instructions for online donations, can be viewed on the Pelham Summerfest website (www.pelhamsummerfest.ca). Contributions can be made securely on-line using a major credit card or PayPal account. Otherwise, please make your cheque payable to the Town of Pelham and call (505) 812-2657 extension 241 when the cheque is ready for pick-up; sponsorship recognition begins upon receipt of funds or Committee's approval of services in kind.



Fonthill Dental is the Platinum Sponsor for Summerfest 2013. This sponsorship includes the fun photo booths on July 20, the live music at the Sunday Pancake Breakfast and the Family Fun Walk on Sunday from 9am to 2pm. Pictured above right to left are: Christine Wadowsky, Amie Rogers, Dr. Louis Albanese, Carla Langenberg and Sarah Krenz. Absent: Jennifer Gordon DD and Stephanie Klok.

SUMMERFEST ENTERTAINMENT GEARED UP TO THRILL AUDIENCES by the Summerfest Committee

Once again, the Summerfest Committee has secured a stellar line up of entertainment sure to appeal to a wide variety of tastes. Visitors to this year's Pelham Summerfest will enjoy continuous singing from classic rock to top 40 hits, folk to blues, barbershop to country and everything in between. And, thanks to the generosity of many local business and community sponsors, all these events can be enjoyed free of charge. This year, the entertainment will take place at three locations throughout downtown Fonthill: The Peace Park Bandstand, The Art in the Park Stage and the Main Stage on Pelham Street. As well as stage performances, the town will be abuzz with street buskers entertaining visitors with an array of magic, balloon art and celtic walking.

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A compiles list of all entertainment, including the generous sponsors who make these events happen, is available on the website, www.pelhamsummerfest.ca.

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Pelham Summerfest 2013 Gold Sponsor, Lafarge present a cheque to Bea Clark for the Active Zone. The Active Zone is supportive of family fun and safety education. Pictured left to right, the gentlemen are: Vince Forbes, Chris Galway and Tim Burton.

'ON THE GO' WITH SUMMERFEST'S ACTIVE ZONE by the Summerfest Committee

Thanks in large part to gold sponsor, Lafarge, and hosted by the Pelham Active Transportation Committee (PATC), this year's Active Zone at Summerfest has a slew of cool activities lined up. The Active Zone events will take place on Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st as part of the four-day festival. On Saturday July 20th, in conjunction with the all-day street party, the Active Zone will be staging ongoing events running from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Peace Park and on Pelham Street in downtown Fonthill. In Peace Park, Lafarge's Touch-a-Truck display will allow children to feel and sit in a real truck or loader and experience what it's like to be a large equipment operator. Lafarge's mascot, Rocky, will also be on site to greet visitors. The Bruce Trail Club will be offering a free, 'starters' hike for anyone interested in local Bruce Trail hikes. The guided hike begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp (don't forget comfortable walking shoes and water!). The Pelham Library will be offering quiet, creative activities for children throughout the day as well. Once again, Pelham Street will be home to a host of lively activities. Check out the Pelham Active Transportation Committee's Active Zone Kiosk for information on pedestrian and bike safety. Representatives from the Bruce Trail Club, the Niagara Freeheelers Bicycle Touring Club and Bicycle Niagara will be on hand at the kiosk to answer questions about their clubs and to encourage a healthy, active lifestyle. A free, guided 'novice' lake bike ride will begin at Harold Black Park with the Niagara Freeheelers Bicycle Touring Company at 9:30 a.m. and continue onto the Active Zone. Upon arrival there will be lake checks, helmet fittings, and clinics (starting at 10:00 a.m.), a lake valet service for storing bikes and even draws for prizes including a children's bicycle! In addition,

the kiosk is also the registration site for the Family Fun Walk on Sunday July 21st. Also on Pelham Street, from noon until 4:00 p.m., the Active Zone will be featuring Rock Walking Demos (and a chance to win a set of poles), fitness demos including Tai Chi, and the Zumba Challenge (noon) on the Main Stage. Throughout the day (10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), Pelham Street will be the site for ongoing activities such as road hockey games, mixed-gender skipping & hula-hooping (prizes to be won!), and street chalk-drawing. The Marlene Stewart-Streit municipal pool will be host to a swim meet on Saturday July 20th. The meet starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at noon. The public is invited out to cheer on the participants. On Sunday July 21st, silver sponsor, Lucchetti Homes, will be generously supporting a Family Fun Walk. This leisurely stroll starts at 10:00 a.m. and will loop through downtown Fonthill along Station Street, the Steve Bauer Trail, Stella Street and Pelham Street, with a big finish at the Summerfest Main Stage. Registration for the walk will run from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday July 20th at the Active Zone Kiosk and will also be available on Sunday July 21st in Peace Park (9:30 a.m.). The first 50 participants to register will receive free t-shirts. Enjoy the fun and beauty of Pelham's streets and trails while being active and spending some quality, family-time together. Summerfest is now 2 weeks away! Visit our website www.pelhamsummerfest.ca for the most up-to-date events and activities, including the newly released entertainment lineup or join us on our Facebook event page and invite all your friends and family to come 'Chill on the Hill' with you.

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Pelham Summerfest 2013 Gold Sponsor Meridian Credit Union supports the bouncers at the Kids Zone. Pictured is John Wink, Branch Manager of Meridian Credit Union in Fonthill presenting Bea Clark a cheque for \$2,000.

SUMMERFEST KIDS ZONE ROCKS by the Summerfest Committee

Once again, during Pelham Summerfest's all-day street party, Peace Park and its surrounding area will transform into a bustling hub of activity for the little ones. Beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 6 p.m. on Saturday July 20th, this section of downtown Fonthill will be abuzz with non-stop children's activities and entertainment! All free, thanks to generous donations from Meridian Credit Union, Niagara Inflatables, Pharmasave and McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance & Financial Brokerage Services Ltd.

This year the Kids Zone Play Area, sponsored by the Meridian Credit Union, Niagara Inflatables and Pharmasave, will feature a series of exciting bouncers: these include the wet paddle boat lagoon, the fun giant slide, the challenging obstacle course, a giant combination inflatable for the brave and a pint-size bouncer for toddlers. Look for Caricature artist Caroline Holyoed, 'Touch-a-Truck' sponsored by Lafarge, 'The Burning House Water Game' with Pelham Fire Station 3 and various bouncers, including jugglers, stilt walkers and street-magicians.

The Peace Park Bandshell will play host to several interesting and diverse types of entertainment throughout the day, sponsored by McAvoy, Belan & Campbell Insurance. Starting off the fun will

be Zumbatonique with Debbie Giguere, a high-energy fitness party filled with special routines, choreographed to the latest music. It's a great way for kids to get fit while having a blast. Mark Furney the magician will take to the stage to charm and amaze with his own unique brand of tricks, sleight of hand and balloon sculpting. The London Reptile Kingdom will be presenting a live interactive and educational show featuring amazing creatures from around the world, like snakes, lizards, turtles, tarantulas and scorpions. This is an unforgettable event that allows children to have a hands-on experience with some pretty cool reptiles. Castlemoon Theatre will spin a mesmerizing tale sure to capture the attention of younger ones. This neat puppetry workshop and play allows the children to make their own puppet, perform in the show and take their creation home with them.

There will be plenty of entertainment and activities to keep the little ones busy the entire day, so make sure everyone is kept 'sun-safe'. Remember that the Sun Hut offering sunscreen and a water bottle refill station all sponsored by the Niagara Region, will be at a separate locations accessible to all throughout the day. For more information on the activities in the Kids Zone, look for the balloon icon on www.pelhamsummerfest.ca.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Marisol Marin shows her Rotary jacket. The youth exchange student from Mexico collects pins from fellow exchange students she meets on her travels.

Adios, amigos, visiting teen says

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — When Marisol Marin returns home next month, it will be difficult to say goodbye to the friends she has made in Canada.

The 17-year-old from Puebla City, Mexico, has spent almost a year living in Welland and attending Centennial Secondary School via Rotary's youth exchange program.

Through the program, youths 15 to 19 can apply to visit any country that has a participating Rotary club. Applications for the program are usually accepted in September and October. Students live with two to three host families during the course of their visit and stay with one host family anywhere from two to three months at a time.

When Marin arrived at her host home in Welland, she was homesick and could barely speak the language.

■ **BONOKOSKI**

"I thought no more Mom and dad, no more Mexican food, no more driving and no more hanging out with my best friends," she told a Rotarians during the Welland club's final meeting before summer break.

But with a little patience from her host family, and a little time to adjust to a different culture, Marin began to enjoy her new surroundings.

"Ten months later, I can say this is the best experience of my life," she said.

With tears in her eyes, Marin recalled the things she'll miss most about living in Canada, things like ice skating, watching the leaves fall from the trees in autumn, and speaking her second language every day.

Ray Tisi, local chairman for the youth exchange program, said Rotary clubs work together, and each sends a student somewhere each year. In August, Rotary Club of Welland is sending 15-year-old Fonthill resident Gracie Lowes to Japan.

Public paid big for sick time

FROM PAGE 4

Well, before he made his exit, former parliamentary budget officer Kevin Page released a report showing Canadian taxpayers paid an average of \$114,100 in compensation for each full-time federal employee.

Teachers? In Ontario at least, teachers with 10 years of classroom experience

earned a taxpayer-funded average of \$85,500 a year.

As for the embattled taxpayers themselves?

Well, according to Statistics Canada, the average salary last year of the working Canadians paying all that freight was roughly \$47,200.

A summer at the cottage once school is out? It would not be tactful to ask.

■ **JUSTICE:** Where to turn when struggling with divorce, child custody, payment battles

Family law service centre opens in Welland

VICTORIA GRAY
Tribune Staff

WELLAND — Struggling families may not have to muddle their way alone through the legal system anymore.

Legal Aid Ontario held its grand opening for the Welland Family Law Service Centre on Cross St. across from the Welland courthouse.

Local lawyers, judges, social workers and representatives from local shelters were invited to the open

house celebration to see the new facility and enjoy a bite to eat.

Legal Aid Ontario spokesperson Emily Ballie said the centre provides enhanced law services for low-income people in the region struggling through divorce, separation, child custody, visitation and support payment battles.

"This will allow us to provide a more complete range of services," she said.

This is the seventh centre legal aid has opened in the

province. Ballie said the one-stop-shop model has worked well.

In order to use the centre, people will have to consult the Family Law Information Centre in the courthouse or the duty counsel on Mondays noon to 4 p.m., Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. or Fridays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Elisabeth Cassavoy, a lawyer and manager of the centre, said there are fewer legal aid certificates to go around and more and more people are trying to navigate

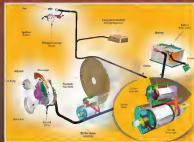
their way through the system without representation.

"It's a tricky system and some people may need more than 20 minutes with the duty counsel right before their case is heard — and we're here to do that," she said.

Lawyer Tracy Pybus said the office operates like a private office and gives clients help to fill out paperwork and prepare documents and gives representation advice, but does not act on their behalf in court.



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Welland Family Law Service Centre manager and lawyer Elisabeth Cassavoy, left, and lawyer Tracy Pybus are celebrate the grand opening on the centre.



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was 11 and is a member of the annual JFK Lancer conference in Dallas. He has interviewed numerous high-profile people connected with the assassination.

SUNDAY JULY 7
BIG CAR TRUNK SALE
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WEDNESDAY JULY 10
SEARCHING A FAMILY TREE
 Steve Fulton from the Niagara chapter of Ontario Genealogical Society will be at Pelham Public Library at 6:30 p.m. to provide tips for searching your family tree using online, local and archival resources. Cost \$3, register ahead.

SATURDAY JULY 13
MEDITATION MORNING
 Marcia leads you through different types of meditations for stress relief and

focus, at Pelham Public Library 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Great for beginners and people who have meditated before. Bring a pen and notebook. Register ahead, \$3.

WEDNESDAY JULY 17
THE 3 ARRRRS
 Make a pirate costume out of recycled materials at home and then join Niagara Region public works staff as they present an interactive pirate-themed show all about recycling, at Pelham Public Library. The presen-

tation will involve games and skill-building activities. Starts 1 p.m., cost \$2.

THURSDAY JULY 18
SUMMERFEST OPENER
 Thursday, July 18 • 4 pm to 10 pm The summer event kicks off with a concert at the Bandshell. Also open is the farmers market, Art in the Park and the Summerfest Beer and Wine Garden. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY JULY 19
PELHAM NIGHT OF ART

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THURSDAY AUGUST 1
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